

**In the SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the title of the invention with the following: Concave Playing Surfaces.

On page 7, replace the paragraph that begins, "The surface will have..." with the following:

The surface will have variable dimensions. ~~[[, the]]~~ The length will be between ~~[[one]]~~ 1 and twelve 12 meters (3.28 to 39.37 ft.), preferably between ~~[[two]]~~ 2 and ~~[[six]]~~ 6 meters (6.56 to 19.69 ft.). ~~and the~~ The width will be between 50 cm and ~~[[six]]~~ 6 meters (1.64 and 19.69 ft.), preferably between ~~[[one]]~~ 1 and ~~[[three]]~~ 3 meters (3.28 and 9.84 ft.). The thickness of the curved crown will be between 0.5 and 90 cm (0.02 and 2.95 ft.) ~~centimeters~~, according to the material, preferably between 2 and 10 cm (0.07 and 0.33 ft.) ~~centimeters~~. A prototype is depicted in Figure 2. The curved surface can be obtained in any possible way known to the expert in the field of molding or carving objects made of plastic, metal, Plexiglas ~~plexyglass~~, inflatable material, wood, etc. ~~etcetera~~. In the case in which the surface is obtained by slicing a regular cylindrical crown, the curvature of the surface will be such that the concave dihedral ~~diedral~~ angle formed by the two planes containing the axis of the cylinder and one of the outer edges of the long sides, will have values between 5 and 180 degrees, preferably between 20 and 90 degrees (Figure 3).

On page 7, replace the paragraph that begins, "The net across the surface..." with the following:

The net across the surface will be made with any type of material, flexible textiles like cotton or nylon held by appropriate devices as well as rigid materials such as wood, plastic, Plexiglas ~~plexyglass~~ or metal. The dimensions of the net will be appropriate to match the width of the surface, although in some instances the net could be smaller and provide only a partial obstacle to the movement of the object sent across the table by the players. ~~[[, and its]]~~ The height of the net can vary between 5 and 150 cm (0.16 and 4.92 ft.) ~~centimeter~~, preferably between 10 and 30 cm (0.33 and 0.98 ft.) ~~centimeters~~. The surface can rest on a frame of wood, metal or plastic, of the appropriate dimensions to hold it firmly, and maintain it at a distance from the ground varying between 20 and 190 cm (0.66 and 6.23 ft), preferably between 60 and 120 cm

(1.97 and 3.94 ft.) ~~centimeter~~. For practicing in water, the frame can be added with appropriate floating devices to maintain it at the desired height~~[[h]]~~ above the surface of the water.

On page 8, replace the paragraph that begins, "The surface will have..." with the following:

The surface will have variable dimensions~~[[, the]]~~ ~~The~~ length will be between ~~[[three]]~~ 3 and ~~[[fifty]]~~ 50 meters (9.84 to 164.04 ft.), preferably between ~~[[seven]]~~ 7 and ~~twentyfour~~ 24 meters (22.97 to 78.74 ft.). ~~and the~~ ~~The~~ width will be between ~~[[one]]~~ 1 and ~~twenty~~ 20 meters (3.28 and 65.62 ft.), preferably between ~~[[two]]~~ 2 and ~~[[ten]]~~ 10 meters (6.56 and 32.81 ft.). The thickness of the curved crown will be between 0.5 and 30 ~~cm (0.02 and 0.98 ft.) centimeters~~, according to the material, preferably between 2 and 10 ~~cm (0.07 and 0.33 ft.) centimeters~~. The curved surface can be obtained in any possible way known to the expert in the field of molding or carving objects made of plastic, metal, ~~Plexiglas~~ ~~plexyglass~~, inflatable material, wood, ~~etc.~~ ~~etcetera~~. In the case in which the surface is obtained by slicing a regular cylindrical crown, the curvature of the surface will be such that the concave ~~dihedral~~ ~~diedral~~ angle formed by the two planes containing the axis of the cylinder and one of the outer edges of the long sides, will have values between 5 and 180 degrees, preferably between 20 and 90 degrees (Figure 3).

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